


second remote content is coded with a markup language available on the second remote content source.--

--146. The user station of claim 140, wherein the computer executable software can be installed on the user station to (iii) establish connections between the user station and the first and second remote content sources.--

--147. The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the user.--

--148. The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are based on events that are initiated by the first fixed content and the second fixed content.--

 --149. The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are transparent to the user.--

--150. The user station of claim 140, wherein the first fixed content can be presented to the user together with the first remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless integration of the first fixed content and the first remote content and wherein the second fixed content can be presented to the user together with the second remote content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless integration of the second fixed content and the second remote content.--

--151. The user station of claim 140, wherein the first portable storage medium further includes link data identifying the first remote content source.--

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the title of the invention has been changed to reflect the presently-claimed subject matter presented herein, and further, presently

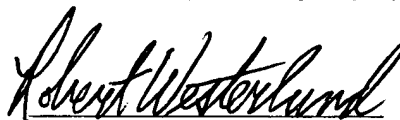
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pending claims 1-115 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 116-151, which find support in the original parent application 08/251,724, as filed on May 31, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,694,546). A copy of the newly added claims, without markings, is provided in the attached Appendix.

Since the number of claims remaining in this application after entry of this Amendment will be less than the number of claims already paid for, there should be no excess claims fees or other fees necessitated by this Amendment. Nevertheless, authorization is hereby given to charge excess claims fees (and any other required fees) necessitated by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 16-2372. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the Preliminary Amendment places the above-identified application in better condition for initial examination.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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